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SUBJECT: WORLD BANK/IMF PROPOSALS TO INCREASE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
AND ALTERNATES SALARIES

REF: (A) STATE 172490, (B) TOKYO 5026

1. LETTER ON SUBJECT FROM SECRETARY SIMON TO MINISTER
OHIRA (REF A) HAND DELIVERED TO YOSHIHIKO OKUDA, ASST TO
VICE MIN MATSUKAWA. OKUDA PROMISED TO TRANSMIT LETTER TO
OHIRA SOON.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH MOF INTL ORGNS DIR UTSUMI, ASST
FINATT STRESSED USG CONCERN THAT EXCESSIVELY HIGH IMF/IBRD
SALARY STRUCTURE UNDERMINES CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SUPPORT
FOR THESE ORGANIZATIONS. MOF WAS URGED STRONGLY TO SUPPORT
SECRETARY'S REQUEST THAT OHIRA VOTE AGAINST PROPOSED SALARY
INCREASES AND ALLOW ONLY INCREASE IN DEPENDENCY
ALLOWANCES.

3. UTSUMI SAID MOF "UNDERSTANDS" USG CONCERN WITH SALARY
LEVELS IN INTL ORGNS BUT SAID GOJ POSITION WOULD REFLECT
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"DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE" OF JAPAN. HE ARGUED THAT MOF

MIGHT FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ATTRACT HIGHLY QUALIFIED PERSONS TO EXEC DIR AND ALTERNATE EXEC DIR POSITIONS UNLESS SALARIES WERE HIGH ENOUGH TO COMPENSATE FOR "DIFFICULT FAMILY SITUATION" RESULTING ASSIGNMENT OUTSIDE JAPAN. WHILE GOJ POSITION NOT YET FIRM, UTSUMI SAID OHIRA LIKELY TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF PROPOSED SALARY INCREASES FOR ED'S AND AED'S.

4. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT TRADITIONAL MOF SUPPORT FOR SALARY INCREASES PROPOSED BY IMF/IBRD STAFF IS LIKELY TO CHANGE SOON. NEVERTHELESS, MOF OFFICIALS APPEAR MUCH MORE DEFENSIVE ABOUT THIS YEAR'S SALARY PROPOSALS THAN IN PAST DISCUSSIONS (REF B). MOF MAY BE WILLING TO ADOPT MORE CONCILIATORY APPROACH AT LATER DATE IF U.S. CONTINUES TO URGE THAT SALARIES BE KEPT AT MORE REASONABLE LEVELS. FOR THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, GOJ POSITION IS UNLIKELY TO CHANGE. HODGSON

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